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Instructions: Use a pen (blue or black ink). To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval ☐ to the left of the response of your choice. Remember to inspect your ballot for mistakes! If you make a mistake 'X' over the oval that is incorrectly marked and fill in the oval of your choice. **Do not use white-out.** If you damage your ballot, call 503-846-5800 for instructions.

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Banks Fire District Recall 34-315

Question: Do you vote to recall Mark Schmidlin from the office of Banks Fire District #13 Board Member?

Reason for demanding the recall of Mark Schmidlin as filed in the petition:

Mark Schmidlin failed to follow Banks Fire District #13 board policy 0013, by refusing to initiate investigations in a timely manner, as per board policy, on numerous complaints of harassment.

Five allegations were reported directly to the board. All should have been investigated, none were. Complaining parties are to be informed of the results of investigations, none were provided a report.

Allowing harassment to run rampant within the department has created an environment of hostility. Resulting in the loss of several key employees and volunteers, due to fear of retaliation and no hope for improvement, leaving the community vulnerable.

Participated in the extension of the Chief's contract for an additional five years, in violation of board policy 0004, which requires contract is reviewed annually. Gave Chief a good performance review while district and chief were being actively sued.

Mark Schmidlin has routinely violated decorum, belittling and interrupting speakers.

Refusal to reveal actual and potential conflicts of interest.

Mark Schmidlin has forgotten he is accountable to the voters, must uphold his oath of office and follow all board policies. It is time to recall him and replace with someone who wants to serve in accordance with policy.

Statement of justification of Mark Schmidlin's course in office:

I am a lifetime resident of Banks. I've been serving the Fire District for 40 years, initially on the budget committee and then 23 years as a board member. I am a fourth generation farmer, Banks Parks Association member, and I represent the area at the State and National level. I am invested in the communities of Banks, Manning, Buxton and Timber.

Everything I have been accused of in this recall is misleading or untrue. I have been accused of ignoring complaints and not addressing them in a timely manner and ignoring board policies. This is false. Any allegations brought to the board were addressed timely. Additionally a recent, independent, investigation was initiated to assure past allegations were handled appropriately and timely. Everything I have done has been to support the volunteers, the District and the communities we serve.

I have heard it said this recall is not personal; it absolutely is personal when everything I stand for in my service to this community has been attacked.

I believe in honesty, integrity & advocating for the best interests of the citizens of my community. It is my pleasure to serve Banks Fire District with great pride.

☐ **Yes** I vote for the recall

☐ **No** I vote against the recall

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